

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

How good is our course looking at the moment? I really enjoyed my round on the last Saturday in April, and I know everyone in the club is so grateful for the work Kiel and his team, the Course Committee and their team, and our team of volunteers do to present such a wonderful golfing experience for members and guests. My enjoyment of the course had nothing to do with the fact I golfed in the 80s .... for the first time possibly since the 80's .....

Whilst the course was outstanding, the speed of play was certainly not. The committee have asked James to work with our new (but very familiar face) Operations Manager Andre White to look at how we can review a few things to ensure the golfing experience (especially on a Saturday) is faster and more enjoyable. I know there were reports of 4 x fourballs on the 11<sup>th</sup> tee, and I know this is true because I was in one of them, so as a Club we need to do better. Players have a responsibility to tee off on time, to ensure their group spends no longer than the allotted time looking for balls and for players to move quickly to play their shot. Speed of play is an issue for golf at the moment, all the way from the MGC to the PGA. We have asked our GM to come up with a plan to address this (at least at the MGC) asap.

Also at the committee meeting this week we started the process of developing a policy around Corporate and external bookings of the course. April was a very busy month with the rescheduled Tailored NZ Par3, multiple pennants match's hosted, the very popular JR Russell Golf Day, the hugely successful Rotary Golf Fundraiser and the PNBHS Old Boys Golf Day all taking place in the month of April. We all know of the benefits that these events bring to our club in terms of income generated over the bar and in the café, and we also often see new members who play these tournaments as guests, love the place and come in the following Monday to join up. However, the Committee – on behalf of the membership - are looking for a more balanced corporate calendar to ensure we don't have this level of course hire as very clearly our priority is access for members to play and enjoy their course. It's a fine balance and the development of the policy will ensure we do better in the future.

It has been a pleasure following the MGC Pennants teams this year. The development of culture and camaraderie between all MGC teams has been so good – thanks to Bos and his crew of Managers who have led this.



All the best to our Ladies Championship Pennants Team (Lisa and Leander) and our Men's B Grade and Men's D Grade Team, who are all in the finals in Marton this Sunday. If you have time get out there to support the teams.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> we have our final information evening for the Governance review. This is the chance to ask questions and give feedback, and the changes to the proposal (version 3 was shared last week) show that the Governance review sub committee really do value member's feedback. June 19<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Special General Meeting – we need 50+ people there to make a decision that could shape the future, and continued success of the club.

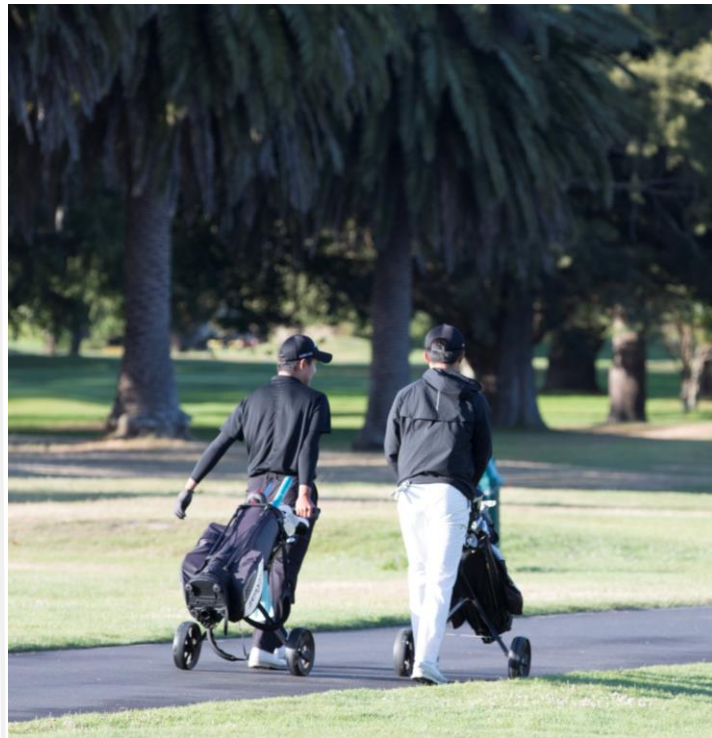
It is exciting to see the number of projects that are happening on course at the moment, and this newsletter will share details of the Cart Shed build, the new practice area by the 13<sup>th</sup> tee and the planned course work coming up. If you ever have questions about the Course please see Stuart Robbie (Course Committee Chair). Likewise, if you have questions about the golf and competitions Club Captain Alan Savell, Ladies Captain Deb Archer and our 9 Hole Club Captain Colleen Fraser and the 9 Hole convenors Wayne Revell and David Heald are there to answer your questions and support your enjoyment of the game.

And finally an important 'Save the date'. The Manawatu Golf Club Ball is back in 2023. September 9<sup>th</sup> is the day, the band is booked, so start planning your outfit and get your dancing shoes ready!

Enjoy your golf in May, especially those playing matches in their respective competitions.



Regards  
Brent Cawthray



## Governance Review Report

The following dates for information evenings and the SGM have been set. All meetings are held at the Manawatu Golf Club.

**Information Evening #2 for Governance Review  
Thursday May 4th at 6.15pm**

**MGC Special General Meeting for Governance  
Review Vote June 19th at 6pm**

The Governance Sub Committee have provided a great update for all members of the changes for Version 3.

[Governance Review Report v3](#)

A summary of the changes can be found here:

[Governance Review v3 Change Commentary](#)

## GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

It's good to have made it to May, and with 24 degrees earlier in the week it could be a great month for golf and for the club. The President has alluded to how busy the course was in April, and although this places stresses on the club, and the course, it has been great to hear such positive feedback about every aspect of our club. This month I've had emails and comments about our amazing greens, our delicious café, the fantastic service and support in the Pro Shop and even our reasonable bar prices ... the latter must have been visitors from Auckland!

It has been exciting to see the traditional competitions start up in autumn, these include the prestigious McClennan - which no pairing has ever won in consecutive years. That tradition will continue as both our finalists from last year were knocked out in the first round. The autumn mixer is another great initiative with 50 Ladies from various parts of the membership coming together for an afternoon of golf and companionship.

The Green's team has an ambitious work plan slated for May/June. This includes the new Bayleys Chipping Area near the 13<sup>th</sup> tee. This will feature both artificial and grass tees and fill a gap in our impressive suite of practice facilities. Thanks to Rod Grieve at Bayley's for supporting this improvement. There is also work to be done around the trees that guard the 9<sup>th</sup> Fairway from the back tees. These will get a haircut and on Hole 2, the tree that is on a lean, is coming down before the Falcon's decide to nest in the base of it again. The new bunker system is going to be introduced on #11, so bunkers will be out of play for a couple of weeks but the end result will be worth the inconvenience.

The focus for me continues to be on our staff. In the greens team we farewell Mitch Proctor, who has been a great asset to that team, Mitch has decided to dedicate his next 12 months to golf to see how far he

can go. We welcome 2 young and enthusiastic new team members to the Greens team in Corban Charles and Kyle Thompson. They both join on 10 month contracts with the hope that this could continue into a full apprenticeship next year. Matt has just started his formal apprenticeship with MGC and we wish him well and offer all our support as he moves to the next stage of his career. We are interviewing next week for the new Finance and Admin Manager. We have been pleasantly surprised by the quality of local applicants and hope to have an announcement in the next newsletter.

The ongoing challenge of finding a Chef is still ... ongoing. We are interviewing a couple this week so I can assure you that progress is being made – albeit very slowly. This means that we must give our valued Chefs a break in late May. Having worked 60 hour weeks for most of 2023, Kath, Tim and Nicki will have 5 days off from June 1-5. We have put plans in place to offer reduced services during this time (limited cabinet food, coffees and bar services will be available) but the Kitchen will be closed. Kitchen stalwart Debbie Dickson is making steady progress in her recovery from the massive trauma involved in the motorbike crash in March. Deb is now in PN Hospital and our thoughts are with her as her recovery continues. It is only once someone is not there that you realise what a valuable role they play in the operation.



# GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

In the Pro Shop we have a new Head Golf Pro – Alan Hyatt; same great guy, new role and new title. May 1<sup>st</sup> also saw the start date for Andre as Operations Manager; a position brief is in this newsletter which outlines the key role he will play for the MGC. I have been tasked with finding a solution for the slow play, particularly on a Saturday and Sunday. I've started this process, with Andre, and I'm excited about some ideas about areas we can improve. These will include 'Starters' on a Sat/Sun and the course being marshalled for slow play. If our friendly marshal gives you a bit of a hurry up, please embrace this positively, move quickly to your ball and focus on keeping up with the group in front of you. Even when playing for the crown jewels, AKA the McClennan, there is absolutely no excuse to lose a fairway to the group in front of you. We really need every player on the course to be a 'MGC Marshal' to ensure every player can enjoy a reasonably paced round.

For those that missed the weekly update about Dogs on course, I can summarise here: Dogs **are welcome at the café (outside)** if they are well behaved and directly supervised by the owners. **Dogs are not allowed on the golf course** at anytime – this includes on the putting and practice greens. I too am a dog lover, but the rules are the rules. As a little sweetener, 'BYOD to Golf day' is planned for the summer as a one off sign that, deep down, MGC really do love Dogs.

I am hoping the June newsletter features a photo of the team breaking ground on the new Cart Shed build. We are on track, plans are with PNCC and the opening date is still planned for July. An email will go out this week to our 8 existing and 21 new cart shed members. This makes 29 spaces, meaning only 1 is currently available. If you would like to either secure that space, or add your name to the waitlist, please do so via the MGC Office.

Keep an eye out on May 12<sup>th</sup> as we launch a special Cart purchase offer for MGC Members from our two preferred providers: 'Club Car' and 'Golf Distributors'. Both are offering an exceptional deal that is exclusive to MGC Members. Both deals include; first year of Cart Shed fees paid and an outstanding after sales support package – more info to come next week. The benefit of both these providers is their key people are MGC members.

Eden McCabe from Club Car and Warren and Sheridan Vining from Golf Distributors. The MGC is proud to work with local partners on initiatives like this.

Also coming up in May is the Gilmours Manawatu Open - one of the best stroke play events in our region. Entries are open and the field is limited to 90 for this 36 hole event. Also in May one of our feature club social events the Trivia Night is almost sold out for May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to all members for their support. Our staff really do appreciate it when our many lovely and thoughtful members take the time to show their appreciation. Our staff always enjoy doing their best to provide a club members can enjoy and be proud of.

Ngā mihi

James Lovegrove  
**General Manager**



# OPERATIONS MANAGER – NEW ROLE SAME FRIENDLY FACE!



André will work Monday – Friday from 7am to 11am working with the DotGolf side of the start sheets and competitions, member and guest bookings, course utilisation as well as our corporate days. It is great to have someone with André's experience and passion for the club fulfilling this important role. André will work closely with the Club Captain, Ladies Club Captain and the 9 Hole Wed/Sat convenors. It will also be great to have André's guidance and support for the MGC Match committee – André's new role has the potential to support and benefit our entire membership. He will continue to offer expert advice in the Pro Shop and is available within the hours below to help with your golf enquiries.

Each day, from 11am, André will be available for lessons and fittings until 12pm. This may mean that his lessons will book out quickly, so please see the Pro Shop team asap about locking in lessons with André. One plus side of the restructure is that lessons with Alan, Tim and Brydie will become more readily available.

Thank you for your support of these changes, we feel it is the best move for the Manawatu Golf Club as a whole, if you wish to talk about this change, or any aspect of the Pro Shop structure, please see the GM at any time for questions or clarification.

May 1<sup>st</sup> sees a pivot of roles within the Pro-Shop with the first one you will notice being that of André's role.

When the Manawatu Golf Club took over the Pro-Shop operation in 2016, André's role was set up to allow us to utilise his skills and experience helping guide the Committee and Pro-Shop staff through this transition, ensuring it went as smoothly as possible for our members. We can be very pleased with how this positive transition has been made and the success of the Pro Shop is something all involved can be very proud of. 7 years in, and it is now time to review, and ensure we have the very best structure in place for the changing demands on the use of the course and our growing and evolving membership.

As such, André will now be employed on a reduced work schedule with a shift in focus to the operational side of the club. André's new title is Operations Manager. This shift in roles for André, will result in Alan having more time for lessons, coaching and leading the Pro Shop Team as Head Golf Pro.



# MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

It's been another great month of golfing with the April weather again exceeding all predictions for a usual autumn. Golfers have made great use of the course in this time and the greenkeepers have done a great job of keeping the course as good as possible without the rain.

However, late April has brought the first signs that winter is on its way with some heavy rain. This makes it tricky for the decision-makers who open or close the course. Trying to please everyone is not easy.

## Course Closure Advice

We are now moving into the wetter winter months, so just a reminder that all members should be aware of where to find that the course maybe closed or have a delay in opening on the day you play. Use your common sense and make sure the course hasn't had just a delay and may reopen later in the day. Frosts and heavy rain are something to be aware of. Use your common sense and think of your playing partners on a doubtful weather day.

Where to check:-

1. The main page on the MGC internet site. Also whether carts may be used.
2. MGC Facebook page updates
3. Ring the Pro Shop
4. Chat with your friends or playing partners that may already have checked.

## Up and Coming Events

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May Men's 1<sup>st</sup> round of the **MacLennan cup** to be completed. Remember there will be a new draw done for all 1<sup>st</sup> game losers of this competition. This will be posted in the card room the week after the 6<sup>th</sup> May.

7<sup>th</sup> May The bye round to be completed for the **Imlay Saunders mixed match play** draw is out and in the cardroom.

13<sup>th</sup> May **B&A and Watson Cups** semi-finals to be completed

14<sup>th</sup> May **McDonalds Junior Masters**. She loves Golf.

21<sup>st</sup> May **Manawatu Golf Open** tournament. Registration opens 28<sup>th</sup> April

27<sup>th</sup> May **B&A and Watson Cups** finals to be completed.

## Craigs Investment Partners Tankard 1<sup>st</sup> April

Congratulations to Tom Hattle who won the April Craigs Investment Partners Tankard.

He won narrowly with 43 stableford points from Jack Clarke who shot 42 points.



## Men's Interclub Results:-

### Round 5 Pennants 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Very close results for the final round of pennants at Palmerston North.

The **Men's A grade team** beat Feilding by 5 to 4 after leading the morning foursomes 2 to 1. With Palmerston North beating Castlecliff, Manawatu, Feilding and Palmerston North all finished tied on 4 contest points. However, we came 3<sup>rd</sup> by just 0.5 games, needing either of the final 2 matches on the day finishing with a half, but this wasn't to be.

## Big

Congratulations to the **Men's B-grade team** who beat Feilding 5.5 to 3.5 to finish top of the table. They play Marton in the final.

The Men's D-grade team and the Women's Weekend team play the next Sunday after Pahiatua GC was closed on the day.

# MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

## The Presidents Pennants 16<sup>th</sup> April

Team travelled to Waimarino last Sunday with high hopes of coming away with a win and qualifying for the Quarter finals.

A beautiful day and a course in great condition set the scene.

Despite again being the best looking team, alas the Waimarino boys were too good on the day and came away with a 10 1/2 to 1 1/2 win. That meant our season was effectively over.

A shame really because the entire team had a sense of pride playing for the club and gave their all. Special mention of Gus Fowler who won every one of his singles matches. He was our true anchorman.

Thanks to all the men who gave their time and effort to play for our great club.

We now watch with interest as the rest of the pennants teams battle it out for their club. All the best.

## Returning of Score Cards

There seems to have been some confusion in regard to match play cards with some members believing they aren't required to enter cards for handicapping. This is incorrect. The handicapping system requires that scores from **all** forms of competition, including match play, must be entered for handicapping purposes.

Following the feedback from the 2014 handicap survey, New Zealand Golf has clarified the requirement for when match play cards are to be returned for handicap purposes. Formats where scorecards **are not exempt** from handicap purposes and must be returned include:

Groups of three or four that play a best ball competition, this includes the **MacLennan Cup** matches. To avoid any embarrassment, members playing in the MacLennan Cup, either the Championship or the Consolation must submit a card from their round for handicapping purposes.

In matches if you wish to accept/concede holes resulting in picking up of your ball, then when printing your card choose "No" to entering the Club and Pro Shop competitions. When filling in your card for handicap purposes enter the "The Most Likely Score" when the hole is not played).

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Some Rules Of Golf

Here are a few rules from the **Golf NZ website**.

It always pays to keep up with the rules to make your golf experience better and to save embarrassment on the course.

## When to replace moved ball on green

2019 Rule: Rule 13.1d, will revise the procedure for when a ball on the putting green is moved by wind, water or other natural forces, so that it must sometimes be replaced and sometimes be played from its new spot:

- If the ball had been lifted and replaced on its original spot before it moved, the ball must always be replaced on its original spot, regardless of what caused it to move.



## MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

## CAFÉ CLOSURES

The ball must be played from it's new spot only if the ball had not been lifted and replaced before it moved.

### No penalty for removing loose impediment in bunker

2019 Rule: Under Rules 12.2a and 12.2b, the player will be allowed to touch or move loose impediments in a bunker and will be generally allowed to touch the sand with a hand or club; but a limited prohibition continues so that the player must not:

Deliberately touch the sand in a bunker with a hand, club, rake or other object to test the condition of the sand to learn information for the stroke, or

Touch the sand in a bunker with a club in making a practice swing, in grounding the club right in front of or behind the ball, or in making the backswing for a stroke.

### Spike mark repairs allowed on green

2019 Rule: Rule 13.1c(2) allows repair of almost any damage on the green:

“Damage on the putting green” will be defined to include all types of damage (such as ball-marks, shoe damage, indentations from a club or flagstick, animal damage, etc.), except aeration holes, natural surface imperfections or natural wear of the hole.

Good golfing to all members



**ALAN SAVELL - CLUB CAPTAIN**

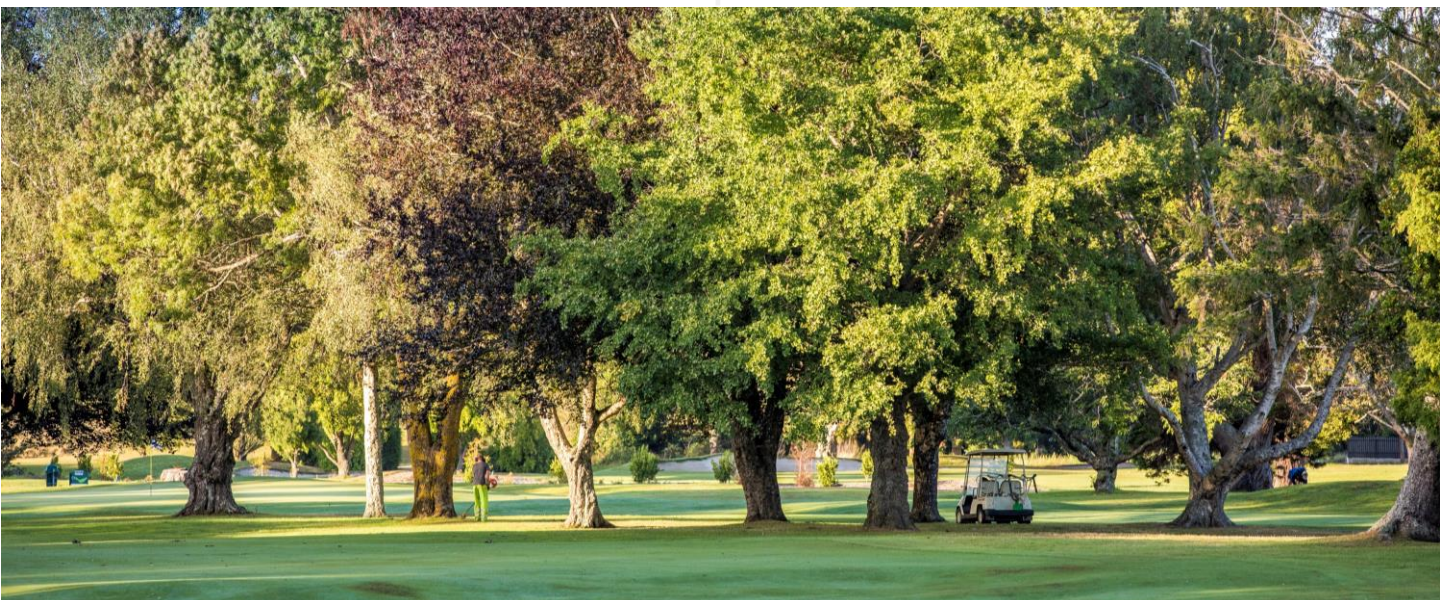
Unfortunately due to the ongoing shortage of staff in the café kitchen MGC will be running a limited café service in May and June.

The café will be offering limited cabinet food only (no lunch menu) and no table bookings (walk-ins only) on the following days:

- Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May
- Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June

We hope this gives our hard working kitchen staff a much deserved rest and some time to relax and regenerate.

Again, we ask any members if you know any chefs/cooks who would like to join the MGC kitchen team, please refer them to James Lovegrove. If your referral becomes a successful applicant you could have your MGC membership paid for one year!





# WOMEN'S GOLF – MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

Autumn is now truly upon us and while we were thinking it was great having all the run on the golf course, we will now adapt I'm sure to a slightly damper course.

However, a great part of Autumn was our Autumn Mixer the other Sunday.

As you all know there is quite a bit of work behind the scenes for golf events and with contributions from the 9-hole members for the raffle and Tuesday 18 hole for refreshments at the turn, and a Stableford prize, plus the putting guru Wayne Revell, it was a great day.

Big thanks also to Natasha Meyer and Barb Stuckey and her Tuesday committee.

We are very grateful to have been supported by local businesses of Palmerston North including PowerTurf, Gilmours, Bunnings, Hokowhitu 4 Square, The Fat Farmer and The Elm, Revolve Styling and Studio Rubix not to mention the delicious platters prepared by our fabulous café staff.

The idea of this annual event is to get to know the women and girls who play an integral part of our club. If the team names are anything to go by just getting together and choosing a name was good team building. The winning team was Royal Touch, apparently they all had slightly royal names, Sophie, Elizabeth, Barbara Mary and Karyn Elizabeth.



Linda Hill, Jo Taylor, Tarnea Leslie and Leanne Blummont



Natasha Meyer, Jill Clifton, Anna Cochran, Sharon Port



Rhea Hazners, Edna Short, Vicki Bryson & Karen Beckett



To prove that golf can be played across all ages we had our youngest and oldest on the day. Sophie Aburn, 13, and Glyn Robinson, 84.



# WOMEN'S GOLF – MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

## Keep an eye out for our **Spring Fling, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October!** ←

Women's Pennants is coming to a close with the Championship teams playing their last Round Robin at Palmerston North on Sunday. Manawatu White, Casey and Steph, had the tough round against Wanganui and the Raj sisters. It was a loss, but a great win by Casey against Tara.

Manawatu Red had their round against Palmerston North at Palmerston North, so that's always a challenge. The win by Lisa and Lindy brought the team just above Manawatu White, even though they were even on 10.5 match points, having beaten them earlier in the season. The Final for Championship Pennants will therefore be Wanganui versus Manawatu Red at Marton on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Not too far away to pop over and support the team!!

Weekend Pennants were all prepared to head over to Pahiatua but with the continuous rain over there, (even more than we received) the course was closed. Luckily Pahiatua can host this round on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> and following that will be the final round on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Palmerston North. Our team is currently third so we wish them well for their final two rounds.

Monday pennants have their semi-final round at Manawatu Monday 1<sup>st</sup>. Surprisingly the team managed to move into second spot in division 2. This means they are up against the winners of division 1, Marton.

A win will see them play either Rangitikei Pink or Rangitikei Blue in the final at Marton 15<sup>th</sup> May.

The month of May has its fair share of interesting golf so check out your golf programme.

18-hole members have their National Home Links which is based on LGU (Stroke) and 9-hole members have their 3<sup>rd</sup> round of LGU Sue Bunt salver. Just a heads up for you all LGU (Ladies Golf

Union) is an historic name for the stroke/medal rounds played. That is, it's the rounds we all play where you never pick up and you always putt out! Yes, those fun rounds!

Further into May 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> is the first qualifying round for 18-hole Club Champs. The best round of three is used for the seeding of the draw. The other rounds are in June and July, so best to play the first one if you can, and you then have at least one round in the bag. Just say yes to qualifying and that leaves you free to finalise your decision closer to the time of the draw. 9-hole members qualifying start later in August.

For Club Champs, Tuesday golfers are drawn to play in handicap divisions for qualifying rounds and Saturday golfers you will register to play so we can make sure there are enough morning tee times for you to play together and get a qualifying round in.

There are nine more rounds of Thursday Club, with two in May so get playing while that Autumn sun shines.

With those beautiful Autumn leaves on the course make sure you keep an eye on your playing groups golf shots. This makes it easier to keep within the 3 minute time limit for finding your golf ball.

Have fun out there.

Deb Archer

**Women's Club Captain**



# COURSE NEWS

We are well and truly into Autumn weather, getting all seasons in one day. There are more & more people using this wonderful golf course, it is great to see 😊.

Out on the course in the last month we have been busy. The mounding beside the 6<sup>th</sup> Teeing area is growing well, this will be GUR through until August/September until the grass thickens up. The new practice area by the chipping green is underway & the surrounds have been cored & dethatched. The reason behind why we renovate or core is due to the build up of organic matter (thatch). "Thatch interrupts normal growth of grass by restricting or impeding the movement of water, air & fertilizers into the soil. When thatch is dry, thatch doesn't re-hydrate readily & may repel light rainfall or irrigation. If thatch prevents water from reaching the soil surface, rooting depths will be shallow & a drought susceptible condition will exist. Mowing can become difficult & scalping usually occurs as thatch increases in thickness & density". Just a brief understanding of why there is the need to renovate, it isn't carried out to annoy the members 😊.

A lot of people were asking about the black product we were applying around the surrounds, this is called Biochar. "The balance of pH is ineffective when using biochar. Its use reduces the need for fertilizer in the plant. "Carbon sequestration" reduces the release of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Biochar brings unprecedented improvements in soil and reduces the need for water and fertilizer".

In the month ahead, we are looking to trial a bunker system in the 2 bunkers on the 11<sup>th</sup> hole, finish the new practice area, start some drainage work and hoping to dethatch the fairways. Mitchell Proctor is finishing up on the course as a greenkeeper and we wish Mitchell well in his future endeavours. We are hoping to fill this role as soon as possible to teach the new person through the winter.

As we get closer to the winter months & the temperatures start to drop, we then get into the frosty climate. Please continue to replace your divots & repair your pitch marks & be careful of where you are driving your carts. There are also certain areas around the course that we all need to be mindful of, these are, the 9<sup>th</sup> surround – too many people are cutting across this surround to go to the 10<sup>th</sup> tee, in doing so walk straight past the "please keep to paths" sign, we ask this to try & keep as much turf cover as possible. The 4<sup>th</sup> bank to the blue tee, this is a health & safety thing, steep gradient & we don't want anyone falling over especially when it is wet, this goes for any slight inclines or declines, please be careful where you walk.

In saying all that, I wish all members & visitors to the golf club well in the coming month, may it be match's or individual goals 😊. We enjoy seeing you all out enjoying our beautiful course.

**"May the course be with you – Star Wars reference: 'May the force be with you'"**

Kiel Stechman





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# GOLF SHOP NEWS

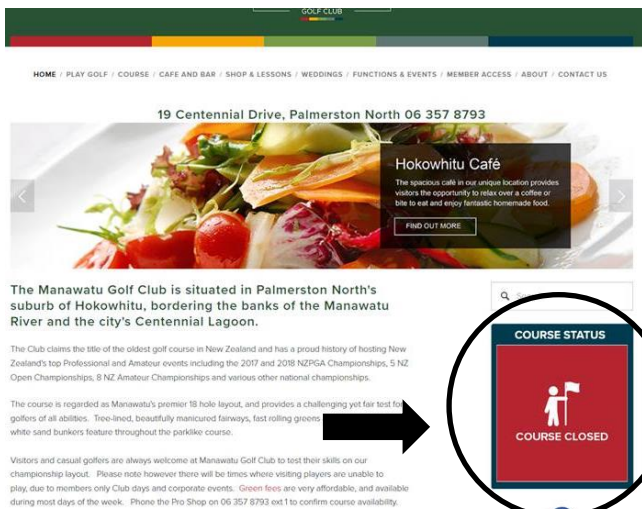
Hi everyone,

I hope you all had an awesome Easter weekend (a few weeks ago) and wherever you were you managed to get some golf in.

**With having a course closure this past Saturday and coming into winter, I thought it would be timely to remind you of the best way to keep updated regarding course status.**

**The best ways to keep up to date regarding the golf course, practice facilities, and cart status are:**

- 1. Club Website:** See picture - this is the home page of the club website. It could also have Frost Delay and No Carts if the course is open but it is too wet for carts.



- 2. Check the start sheet:** Start sheets will be updated with a message or cancelled tee times once a decision has been made regarding the course status.
- 3. Facebook:** If you are on Facebook, make sure you follow the MGC Facebook page. Updates regarding the course will also be on there.

- 4. Contact us:** Give us a call in the Golf Shop. If you have any questions or you are not sure if the course is open, we are here to help so give us a call.

**Callaway Fitting Day 4<sup>th</sup> of May:** Fitting days book up fast, however, we do fittings here all the time as we have full fitting kits for all of our suppliers on site. So, if you wish to have a fitting with drivers, woods, irons, wedges or even a putter, we can do this at any time. Your golf club professionals are also trained golf club fitters.

Just remember, if you have any questions regarding your game, please don't hesitate to ask us. We are here to help!

**Your Pro Shop Team**  
**Alan, André, Tim, Brydie, Guy & Daniel**

We have had quite a full month the "Walker Georget" Tournament getting down to the nitty gritty. Good luck to those still in.

We had the Foxton Round Robin which was an enjoyable day. Placegetters were Tania Leslie and Alan Maclean - well done. The rest of us were 'also rans'.

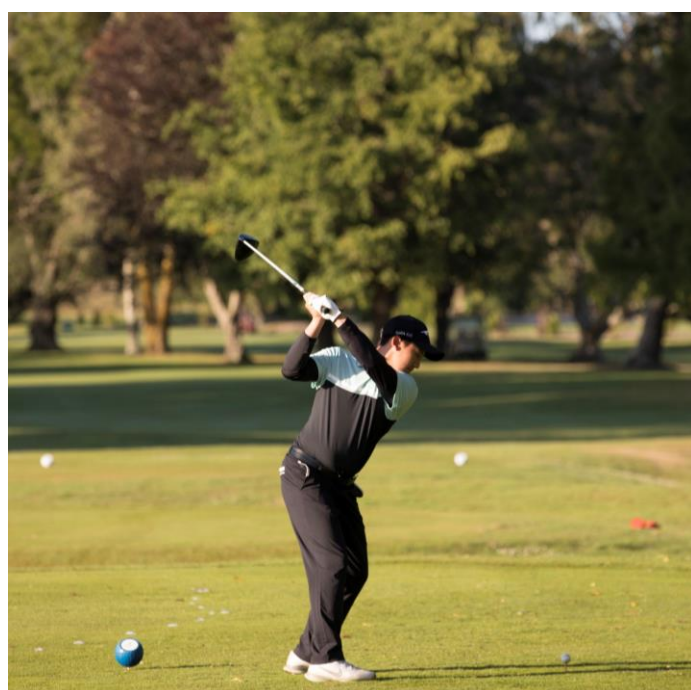
We had a good group who went to Pahiatua to play for the MacDonald trophy which was won by Dwayne Richardson. Congratulations Dwayne. We then went for lunch at Mangatinoka Breweries and had a celebration toast to Anne and Bill Flipp on their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Great Achievement.

Some of our players played in the Feilding 9+9 tournament over two days. It was a bit wet on the first day. Congratulations to Tania Leslie who got 4<sup>th</sup>. Well done Tania!

Our deepest sympathy goes to David and Pauline Bolton on the sudden loss of their son. Our thoughts are with you and your family at this terrible time.

I guess we will be nearly into winter golf missing the sun. Just enjoy your golf and the comraderie.

Good golfing  
Colleen Fraser  
9 Hole club captain



Congratulations to the following players for their Hole in One in April!



**Ray Iwikau**  
4<sup>th</sup> Hole  
18<sup>th</sup> April 2023



**Tim Berry**  
4<sup>th</sup> Hole  
3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

## NEW MEMBERS

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new and returning members who applied in **April 2023**.

- 7 Day Member:** Keith Bradley, Gareth Cox, Chaz Hart, Tom Laidlaw, Taylor Quine
- Under 30:** Timothy Anderson, Liam Emery, Keegan Harnett, James Higgins, Tyler Larkan, Samuel Turner, Joel Yates
- Under 25:** Max Hogan, Jaesung Lee, Jacob Mills, Thomas Mitchell
- Tertiary:** Toby Beale, Brock Cowden, Jack Foster, Rhys Martin
- 6 Day Member:** Ian Robinson, David Wilde
- 5 Day Member:** Terence Malan, Siew Mar, Carl Mollett, Sam Stevens
- 9 Hole:** Jackie Johnson, Sarah Miles, Ken Okawa, Craig Piper, Steve Woolley
- Restricted Junior:** Yuna Choi, Iris Lin, Elijah Lion, Cooper Mollett, Steven Pretious, Jisu Shin, Timothy Young

During this same period, 51 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1140 members.

We wish our resigned members all the best and welcome our new members, we are sure you will enjoy your time at the club.

# Manawatu Open



**Sunday 28th May**  
**36 Hole Strokeplay**



NZ Golf and Manawatu Wanganui Golf Order of Merit  
Entry Fee \$60 (Includes lunch) | Men's and Women's Divisions | Gross & Net Prizes

Please click on this poster or enter by using  
this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/haykqTHUdu>  
(Payment required on entry)  
Entries close on Wednesday 24th May 2023

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Handicaps frozen as at Friday 26th May. No Refunds within 48 hours of tournament. Restricted to the lowest 96 entries by handicap at the date of entry closing. Draw will be posted on [www.manawatugolfclub.com](http://www.manawatugolfclub.com) on Friday 26th May.

For more information contact [membership@manawatugolfclub.com](mailto:membership@manawatugolfclub.com)



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# TRIVIA NIGHT

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\$55 per person includes a two-course meal

**ENTER ONLINE NOW!**

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# WHATS ON IN MAY

Please note this programme is subject to change. Please remember to always check and book via the tee sheets on the Club website or at the card room kiosk for available tee times.

# May

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SUNDAY	FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY
<b>7</b> Imlay Saunders Bye round to be completed.	<b>5</b> Middle Districts Electrical Golf Day	<b>4</b> Thursday Club	<b>3</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 3	<b>2</b> LGU National Home Links	<b>1</b> MWGA Women's Pennants
<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par	<b>9</b> Par	<b>8</b>
<b>21</b> Manawatu Golf Open	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b> Yorb Business House	<b>17</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	<b>16</b> Pro Shop Stableford	<b>15</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b> Thursday Club	<b>24</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU (1st Round Lavender/ Gillespie Cups to be completed)	<b>23</b> LGU, 1st Qualifying Best Round of 3	<b>22</b> 9 Hole: Tri Series 10am-1pm
			<b>27</b> Stroke Lionel Abraham Cup B&A and Watson final to be completed 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU Par		<b>29</b>
			<b>20</b> Par. 18 Hole: LGU & 1st Qualifying (Best round of 3) Hole: Stableford MGC Ball		
			<b>13</b> Stroke. B&A and Watson Cups Semi-Final to be completed Pro Shop Stableford 9 Hole: Par		
			<b>6</b> Craigs Investment Tankard Draw Stableford MacLennan Rd 1 to be completed. Par. 9 Hole: Stroke LGU, Sue Bunt Round 3.		

**Please note the following events and date changes:**

**27th May**  
Trivia Night has been changed from the 10th June to 27th May.

**28th May**  
ManWang Golf have requested, and MGC have approved, that the Manawatu Open will take place on May 28th (not May 21st as appears in the programme)

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